



## The Episcopal Church of the Advent

May 27, 2025 Newsletter



### A message from Father Mark

Our gospel lesson this morning John was part of Jesus's goodbye message to his disciples. This took place at the Last Supper. Naturally, the disciples were sad. They wondered how they would cope after he was gone.

There are times when we feel alone and we don't know what will happen to us. At times like these it's natural for us to ask ourselves, "What's to become of me?" The peace Jesus offers is not the same peace that the world offers. Christ's peace is the kind of peace we feel inside even when the world around us is falling apart. Jesus gives us this peace freely, without expecting anything in return except for the hope that when we are changed by this peace, we might pass it on to others.

That's why, whatever our circumstances, we can take these words to heart: "Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." If it's not obvious, God loves us more than we could ever imagine. Our task is to make that love known to others so that they, too, can access the peace of God which is readily available to all of us.

***Question of the Week: Name a time when the peace of God was most obviously present with you. How would you describe that experience to a person who is seeking the same thing?***

Peace,  
Mark+

### **SCAM ALERT**

Dear Friends in Christ, parishioners have reported receiving texts from a 319 area code purporting to be from me asking for financial assistance for cancer patients in a hospital. THIS IS A SCAM. Please do not engage with the sender or click any links. Faithfully yours, Mark+

### **Many Thanks....**

....to all those who assisted in the preparations for Janet Mason's funeral. A very special thank you to all who provided food, flowers and did behind the scenes work for Janet's remembrances. Advent has an exceptional way of demonstrating love and support!

### **Reception for Father Mark on June 1**

On Sunday, June 1, a reception will be held to recognize Father Mark's last day with Advent and to celebrate his service to the Parish. The reception begins after the 10:30 AM service in the Parish House. The main dishes for the reception after the 10:30 service on June 1, will be ham and chicken. Nancy is most graciously donating the ham and rolls. **Side dishes, salads, and desserts are needed to make the dining room table look spectacular.** It would be wonderful to have your food items placed in the kitchen any time after 9:00.

### **First Wednesday Hosts: Ricardo and Janel Ureña**

**Wednesday, June 4 • 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

**1041 Parsonage Road - Madison, GA 30650**

Come meet amazing Advent parishioners. Make new friends and learn fun things about the people sitting in the pews next to you. Try your hand at corn hole or Blocks, enjoy a bonfire, drinks, food, and conversation. There's plenty of parking at the farm, and we look forward to seeing everyone!

### **Additional information re: Madison Transportation Plan**

Follow the link to read the Letter to the Editor written by Glenn Eskew regarding the Madison Transportation Plan. [Glenn Eskew Letter](#) Interested in this issue? More information: [Madison Transportation Plan](#)

### **Rota for the Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**June 1, 2025 10:30 A.M.**

Altar Guild: McCauley-Burriss-Harrell

Flower Guild: TBD

LEM/PoP: 8:00 AM Booker, 10:30 A.M. Booker

1st Reading: K Jackson

2nd Reading: McCauley

Vestry of the Day: Branch

Organ Tech: M Dartnell

### **Readings for the Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**June 1, 10:30 A.M.**

[Link to Readings](#)

First Reading: Acts 16:16-34

The Psalm: Psalm 97

Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21

The Gospel: John 17:20-26

### **Parish Prayer List**

Flossie Dodge, Jeanne Dufort, Kate Jackson, Kathy Lehman, Brian Lehman, Jennie Newton, Annette Piazza, Lynne Roach, Dick Schmidt, Livy Scholly, Betty Thomas, Lynn Cupples, Bob Cupples, Mary Ann Edelman, Anita Hunt, Julie Hancock Jones, Jan Kozel, Jerry Maddoz, Dennis Reeder, Iliana Arias, Beth Tamplin Jones, Bill Kurtz.

**May birthdays:** **28** Brennan Easton, **29** Bill Kurtz, **30** Allison Lehman

**June birthdays:** **1** Genia Bennette, Reese Freyer, III, **2** Charles Baldwin, III, **6** Rob McCauley, **11** Sue Baldwin, Elizabeth Branch, **26** Bob Baldwin, **27** Mary Carson Brown

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The Right Reverend Robert C. Wright - Bishop of Atlanta.

Reverend Mark Stewart Johnson - Interim Priest-in-Charge.

Devon Dartnell - Senior Warden, Vic Jackson - Junior Warden.

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